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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Nebraska had another dry, warm week. The snow that fell in western Nebraska the previous week end melted rapidly as temperatures soon climbed back into unseasonably high readings. Temperatures reached the 50's and 60's by mid-week and before the week ended most sections reported highs in the 70's. Weekly averages were from four to nine degrees above normal. A few light showers fell in eastern Nebraska on Sunday.

CROPS The wheat crop continued greening in most areas. It was slowed in the Panhandle by a snow cover that lasted until mid-week. Top soil moisture conditions improved with the melting snow. Portions of the southwest had some wind erosion, especially when the crop was not well rooted. High winds and warm temperatures over the week end greatly accelerated the evaporation losses of soil moisture in the eastern and central portions of the State.

Farmers accomplished some field operations with about six days favorable for work. Seeding of spring crops was limited as top soils are dry in the northeast and some frost remains in the soil in northern counties. Temporary fences are being removed from stalk fields as grazing is completed. Field preparation for sugar beet planting was slowed in the Panhandle until the week end.

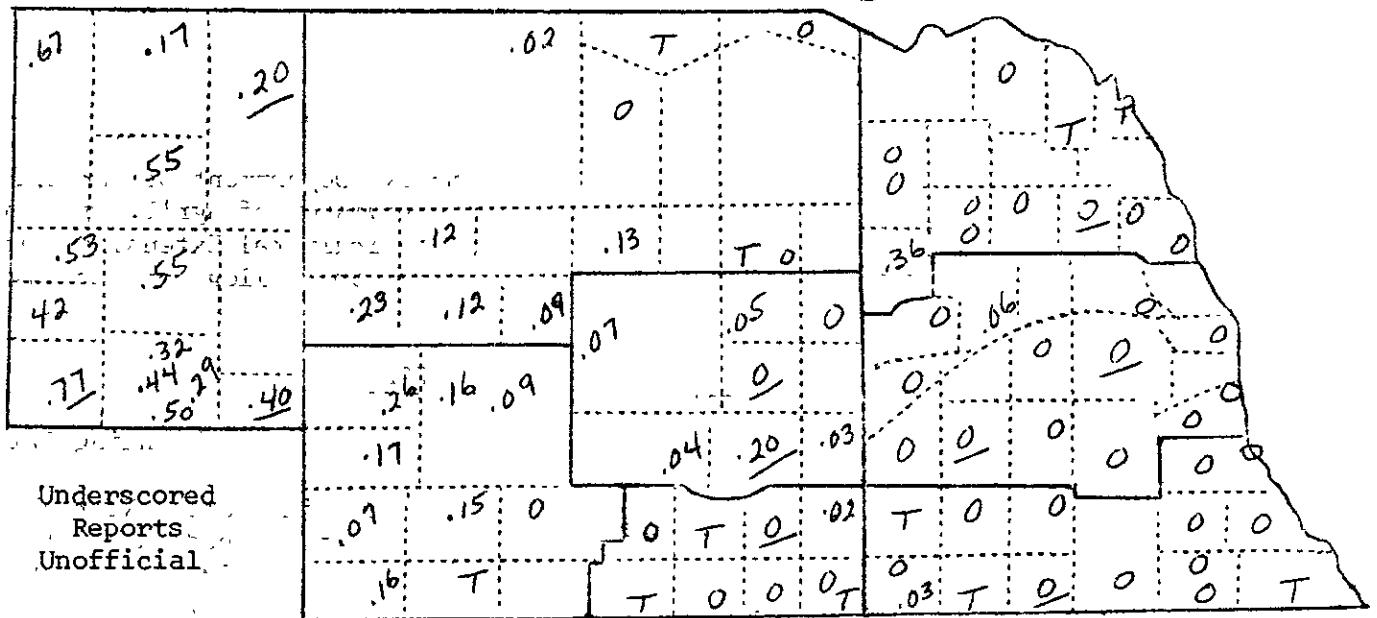
Feed grain supplies remained adequate but high moisture corn continues to be a problem. Supplies of hay and forage were generally good but a longer supplemental feeding period may be necessary as continued dry weather delays growth of grasses. Threat of range fires continues while high winds and low humidity prevail.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition remained favorable with young animals making good progress. Calving operations are well under way. Some ranchers reported lambing completed. Shipment of cattle and calves into Nebraska during February totaled 103,000 head. This was up 12 percent from the 92,000 head moving into the State a year ago. Sheep and lamb inshipments during the same period totaled 5,000 head. This compares to the 13,000 shipped in February 1967.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 17, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.05	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.28	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.01			Sidney	0
Sioux City	T				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March 11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	39	18	48	22	63	38	54	25	58	22	64	33	67	35
	Scottsbluff	36	18	50	29	56	37	52	28	56	24	58	26	69	40
	Sidney	35	11	44	24	55	31	51	26	53	20	57	22	68	34
NC	Burwell	41	9	44	19	56	30	59	21	65	23	68	49	--	--
	Valentine	31	11	46	19	57	32	56	25	60	23	67	42	74	36
NE	Norfolk	40	11	35	16	50	35	57	26	66	31	69	53	73	58
	Sioux City	44	12	37	16	50	35	59	26	71	29	71	48	71	56
CEN	Grand Island	47	13	41	24	57	36	63	26	68	28	71	54	72	57
EC	Lincoln	46	15	38	17	53	41	63	34	68	34	70	54	71	62
	Omaha	44	12	36	18	50	36	60	34	67	39	69	52	65	58
SW	Imperial	40	13	52	21	67	29	58	30	61	21	57	34	74	38
	North Platte	39	8	48	20	59	35	58	24	62	20	63	42	72	36

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